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A TRUE HISTORY Of the LIVES of the Popes of Rome :

WITH
A Description of their particular Vices and Misdemeanours.

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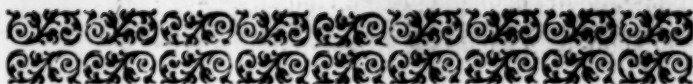
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C H U R C H of R O M E :

Concerning the Popes Power, Authority in Ecclesiasticals and Temporals over Emperours, Kings, Princes and Potentates, whom they may excommunicate, depose, murder, poison, or make away by any unlawful means whatsoever, even by their own Subjects, and notwithstanding all Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, for which they can give dispensation.

With a Relation of their many execrable and bloody Designs and Massacres : not only in *England* and *Ireland*, but also in *France*, *Spain*, and other places.

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TO THE
R E A D E R.

Courteous Reader,

I Present you here with some few Observations of the bloody and irreligious Acts of most of the Popes, Monks, Jesuits and Friars of Rome. It's true indeed, they have been long laid in their grave, but the Magick of their cruelty raises up their Ghosts, and they borrow a second (a most shameful) Life, from such bloody deeds they acted in their former. I hope that such impious Designs that at this present they use against his Sovereign, his People, and his Land, will give you all possible encouragement to read this ensuing History, containing such hellish Acts which were performed by their more cruel Predecessors. This is all, only you are desired to amend such Errata's with the Pen, as have escap'd the Press, the rest is left to your censure.

Farewell,

THE HISTORY OF THE
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I have not here with me the Observations of the
learned and judicious Mr. Bayly, who has
written a most useful History of the
Reign of Henry VIII. It is true indeed, they have
been laid in their place, but the neglect of them
is not the fault of the Editor, and I have been a great
deal obliged to him for his kind offers, which they acted in
this manner. I have not been impious to say that as this
work is intended for the use of the People, and his
Royal Highness's command is to read this
History, I have thought it best to have it printed in
a plain and useful manner, without any of those
ornaments which are now called Pedestals. This is all, only some
are added to several such Events as the Pen, as have
been the first, the rest is left to your choice.

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Lives of the Popes.

1. *Atheists.*

LEO the Tenth hearing Cardinal Bembo speaking to a point concerning the joyful message of our Lord, answered most dissolutely, it is well known to the world through all Ages, in how great stead that fable of Christ hath profited us and our Associates; this man neither believed Heaven nor Hell after our departure out of this life.

And such were *Alexander* the 10th. *Sylvester* the 2d. *Paul* the 3d. *Benedict* the 19th. *John* the 13th. *Clement* the 7th. and *Gregory* the 7th.

2. *Arrians.*

Anastatius the 11th. *Liberius* and *Felix*.

3. *Magicians and Conjurers.*
Alexander the 6th. this man made a league with the Devil, upon promise to procure him the Papacy. *Paul* the 3d. obtained the garland in Astrology, and in that kind of speculation, which is assisted by the ministry of Devils; he altogether kept familiar acquaintance

with Negromancers, and such like Imposters and Star-gazers, to learn the faults of himself and children. *Sylvester* the 2^d. well seen in these diabolical Arts as his predecessors, he gave himself to the Devil upon condition to advance him to the Papacy. *Benedict* the 9th. obtained the Popedom by charms, spells, enchantments. Before his instalment in company of his associates, in woods and remote places he was accustomed to invoke evil spirits, and by Negromancy to work women to his lust. *John* the 13th. at Dice would call upon the Devil, and in merriment carouse a cup of wine to his Devilship. *Gregory* the 7th. attained the Papacy by Conjurati^on; he was the first that excommunicated an Emperour, which was *Henry* the fourth; this Pope poisoned six Bishops, deposed his Master *Alexander*.

4. Blasphemers.

Julius the 3^d. this man made it his common exercise to reason in contempt of the Deity.

5. For Swearers and Equivocaters.

The Papal Canons allow *Roman* Bishops to absolve from Oaths, dispense with Vows, release perjured persons: It's not to be wondred at to find so many perjured and faithless Papists swarming in every corner of the world, being the Devils Brokers. The Council of *Constance* over-awed the Emperour *Sigis-*

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mon to violate his oath, in burning *John Hus*. *Gregory* the 13th. in *Queen Elizabeth's* days wrote to the *Papists* in *England*, that they might yield obedience to the *Queen*, which intimateth nothing else but that they might swear upon occasion, and dally with their oaths as best seemeth them. *Julius* the 2d. maintained that the *Romish Bishops* might violate his plighted faith. *Silverius* against his oath to the *Emperour* did his best to betray the *City of Rome* to the *Goths*. *Gregory* the 2d. having forgotten his oath given unto the *Emperour*, caused *Italy* to revolt, and confederated with the *Emperours Enemies*. *Paschal* the 2d. after a *Peace* sworn with the *Emperour* in special and precise terms, as soon as his *Popeship* had levied his forces, he charged His Majesty. *Formosus* by breaking his oath, caused most cruel tragedies. *Alexander* the 6th. for his false Faith more infamous than *Punique* was renowned. *Paul* the 4th. and *Pius* the 5th. excommunicated the *English* for not revolting from their oaths of Allegiance.

6. *Turkish Pentioners.*

Clement the 6th. was evermore careful to keep the *Christian Princes* at jars, so that they could not prepare against the *Turks*. *Alexander* the 6th. to make good his Supremacy, called in the *Turks* to assist him against the *King of France*. *Alexander* the 3d. betrayed

trayed *Frederick* the Emperour to the Sultan. *Gregory* the 9th. by his Letters requested the Soldan not to make restitution of the holy Land, but rather to slay the Emperour, than warring in the Eastern parts.

7. *Mad-men and Tyrants.*

John the 13th. Pope, put out the eyes of his Cardinals; some he deprived of their tongues, some of their fingers, hands and noses. *Boniface* the 7th. took *John* the 15th. prisoner, put out his eyes, committed him to prison, starved him, and so became Master of the Popedom. *Paschal* the 2d. excommunicated *Henry* the 4th. a religious Prince; provoked his Son to rise in Arms against his Father; so great was his hellish rage against the dead carcass of *Henry*, that he digged it up, cast it out of the Church, that it wanted burial for the space of five years. *Nicholas* the 3d. was author of the *Scisilian* Massacre, the proverb, *vespere sciscule*. *Urbane* the 6th. upon a creation of a new Cardinal, cast 7 of the old into prison, sowed 5 in sacks, and cast them into the Sea. *Boniface* the 8th. a sworn enemy to the Gibilines upon *Ash-Wednesday*, according to custom being to minister ashes unto the people, the Bishop of the place being a Gibiline, approached him: His Holiness instead of sprinkling the ashes upon his head, he cast them wholly into his eyes, saying, *Remember man that thou art a Gibiline, and with the*
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Gibelines thou shalt be turned into ashes. *Innocent* the 7th. a cruel Tyrant, the *Roman* Citizens desired him to continue their ancient priviledges, to restore the Capital; he in shew of friendship invited them to his Nephewshouse, they appearing, he murdered 11 of them, and cast their dead bodies out at window. *Innocent* the 4th. cursed *Frederick* the Emperor, deprived him of Imperial dignities, dissolved his people from their obedience, put them upon chusing another. *Stephanus* the 6th. a man of blood against the name of *Farmosus* the Bishop, being dead, caused his body to be digged up, and dis-robed him of all Episcopal habit; from his right hand he cut off two of his fingers, casting them into *Tiber*. *Sergius* the 3d. of the same nature, after eight years rest caused the body of the said *Farmosus* to be digged up, to be arraigned and condemned to capital punishment, as if he had been living; from the foresaid hand he cut off the other three fingers, causing his body to be thrown into *Tiber*, as unworthy of common burial.

8. *Warriours and Blood-succours.*

Innocent the 2d. after his instalment, accounted it a holy project to season his new Calling, by destroying *Roger* Duke of *Sicil*; he raiseth an Army, marcheth against *Roger*, and vanquisheth him, but by the unexpected comming in of *Roger*, his Son the Pope is taken,

taken, and his Cardinals made prisoners. *Julius* the 2d. Pope, in seven years space was the cause of the slaughter of two hundred thousand Christian souls; this is he that threw *St. Peter's Keys* into *Tiber*, and took up *St. Paul's Sword*. *Gregory* the 9th. receiving news of the recovery of *Jerusalem*, caused the Emperours Embassadors to be murdered. *Clement* the 6th. from time to time sowed occasions of war and discord amongst the Christian Princes. *Clement* the 4th. not having the fear of God before his eyes, consented that the Noble Emperour *Conradus* the last of the House of *Svevia*, should be publickly beheaded. *Innocent* the 3d. a grand enemy to *Cesar*; *Philip* this Pope use to say, that either the Pope should take the Diadem from *Philip*, or *Philip* the Apostolick Miter from *Innocent*. *Paul* the 3d. a great persecutor of the Saints of God, raised and fomented the *Germane* War, which proved the destruction of many thousand Families. Like him was *Alexander* the 6th. whom the Papists affirm to be most cruel. *Pius* the 5th. and *Gregory* the 13th. can best tell how the tumults of *France* were first raised, the League confirmed, the Massacre contrived, and the Wars continued.

9. *Traytors and movers of Seditions.*

Alexander the 3d. wickedly engaged himself in a Plot of Treason against *Frederick* the Emperour, for
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proof whereof *Frederick* summons a Diet at *Noremberg*, assembles the Princes of the Empire; before them caused the Pope's wicked Letters directed to the Soldan to be opened, and declares the means of his discovery. *Gregory* the 2d. moved all *Spain*, and *Emilia Liguria*, *Italy*, and other Provinces, to revolt from the Emperour, Antichristian like forbidding the people to pay tributes, which Christ himself commanded. *Gregory* the 7th. by wicked Plots attempted to murder *Henry* the 4th. Emperour, at his prayers, in *St. Mary's Church*: Against him, saith *Bembo*, cryeth the blood of the Church spilt by his miserable treacheries. *Paschal* the 11th. spent his whole life in War and Murthers. *Gregory* the 9th. by his Legates commanded the Princes of *Germany* to depose *Frederick*; guilty of the same Treason were *Julius* the 2d. and *Hadrian* the 4th. and *Gregory* the 3d. *Gregory* the 13th. was the Author and approver of the *Parisien* Massacre. The Sun never beheld a more bloody Tragedy; fifty thousand Noble men and Gentlemen murdered in one night; whence rose the proverb, *nuptia gallica*, by the Plots and contrivance of *Sixtus* the fifth. *Henry* the 3d. of *France* was stabbed to death by a hellish Monk, a *Jacobin* by profession. *James Clément* by name being 23 years old, the Murder approved of by His Holiness.

10. *Parricides and Impoisoners.*

Paul the 3d. impoisoned his Mother and Niece, that the whole Inheritance of the *Farnesham* Family might accrew to himself: His other Sister also whom he carnally knew, upon fancying her freeness to others, he slew by poison. *Alexander* the 6th. by poison, made away *Gemen* the Brother of *Bajazet*, for the Hire of two hundred thousand Crowns, and by the like Medicine, he purged away the Senators and Cardinals; but preparing the like sauce at a Supper for others, mistaking of the Bottle, he drank of the prepared Cup, and died like a miserable wretch. *Innocent* the 4th. being corrupted by rewards, offered a Bottle of the Liquor to the Emperour *Conrade*; this the said Emperour verified by his publick Letters. *Gregory* the 7th. by his companion *Brasatus* poisoned *Nicholas* the 11th. and by the service of this Villain, he impoisoned six or eight Cardinals, obstacles in his way to the Papacy. *Paul* the 3d. did his best not only to raise the Christian Princes against *Henry* the eighth of *England*, but also plotted against him to destroy him. *Gregory* the 13th. loaded with Indulgencies, *Parre* and others to have laid violent hands upon Queen *Elizabeth*.

11. *Whoremongers.*

John the 11th. this man, one *Theodora*, with more
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state and pomp, to enjoy her frastique pleasures, made first Bishop of *Bononia*, 2d. Arch-Bishop of *Ravena*, 3d. Pope of *Rome*. *John* the 13th. lived Player-like, not Pope-like; was addicted to all kind of pleasures. *Gregory* the 7th had commerce with the Countess *Matilda*. *Clement* the 5th. was a publick Fornicator, and kept for his Leman the Countess *Perigord*, a most beautiful Lady and Daughter of Earl *Euix*.

12. Adulterers.

Sergius the 3d. begat *John* the 12th. upon that most impudent Whore *Marozia*, and in his Papacy committed infinite abominations amongst light women. *Lando* the first, an anointed Batchelor, consumed the greatest part of his life amongst leud women, and was at last consumed, having reigned seven months: *John* the 11th. *Theodora* a famous Whore, and Lady of *Rome*, was his nightly companion, and the freer to enjoy his company; she caused him to translate the Bishops Sea from *Rome* to *Ravena*. *John* the 12th. was Bastard of that famous Whore *Marozia*; he spent the time of his Papacy with beastly leud women. *John* the 13th. none would serve his turn but Virgins and Votareffes; the *Lateran* Pallace he made his stews; he defiled his Fathers Concubine, and his own Niece: *Alexander* the 6th. was a most luxurious Tyrant; no

Pen is able to register the beastly qualities of this impious Knave ; and such were *John* the 14th. 15th. 21th. 24th. *Benedict* the 6th. and 9th. *Stephen* the 8th.

13. Incestuous Persons.

Paul the 3d. to be made Cardinal and Bishop of *Ostia*, gave unto *Alexander* the 6th. Pope, his Sister to be deflowred ; another of his Sisters he kept for his own store ; she being false to him, he poisoned. Another of his Sisters this good-like old Knave solicited to Incest and Whoredom. To enjoy his own Daughter, in like manner he poisoned her Husband. *Alexander* the 6th. was familiar with his impudent Daughter *Lucrecia*. *John* the 13th. defiled his Fathers Concubine ; such a one was *Benedict* the 3d.

14. Sodomites.

Julius the 2d. this man abused with two young Gentlemen, besides many others. *Julius* the 3d. used one *Immovent* as his Minion, and created him Cardinal, and abstained not from the Cardinal himself. *Leo* the 10th. was a lover of Boys. *Sixtus* the 4th. built a Brothel-house at *Rome* for both Sexes. *John* the 24th. accused for a Sodomite. *Clemens* the 7th. was a Bastard, a Poisoner, a Sodomite, a Geomancer, a Church-robber ; such was *Benedict* the 3d. and *John* the 13th. and 14th. and *Paul* the 3d.

15. *Favourites of Whores.*

Victor the 3d. obtained the Papacy by the help of *Mitilda* his Mistress. *Urban* the 2d. by the like policy. *John* the 11th. by an impudent Whore *Theodora*, ran the same fortune. *Paul* the 3d. kept a Roll of forty five thousand Whores, who paid him a monthly Tribute. The City of *Rome* hath some hundred thousands of souls, a third part accounted like women and Church-men. *Sextus* the 4th. a bountiful benefactor towards Whores; for every Whore paid him a Julius, which amounted yearly to four hundred thousand Duckets. *Joan* the 13th. restored to the Papacy by the power of Whores. *Jon* the 8th. she was first called *Gilberta*, but counterfeiting the viril Sex, in the habit of a man went to *Athens* with a Monk; her Sweet-heart after her great proficiency in the Arts, and the death of her friends, she returned to *Rome* in disguise, and in all Disputations obtained the Garland, being admired for her eloquence and acute answers, gaining the esteem of all her Auditory. *Leo* being dead, she was chosen Pope, and sat two years and six months in *Peter's* Chair; during her Popedom she was got with child by her Chaplain, and in a solemn Procession fell in travail in the midst of the City; before all the people she brought forth a Son and died.

16. *Bauds.*

Paul the 3d. Pope, gave his Sister *Julia Ferneze* unto *Alexander* the 6th. to be deflowred. *Sextus* the 4th. an eminent Pander, attested by *Agrippa*, as before mentioned.

17. *Bastards.*

Martin the 11th. Pope, begat of a common woman, Son of a Negromancer. So was *John* the 11th. and *John* the 12th. begotten by *Sergius* upon *Marozia*, a famous Whore. Item, *John* the 14th. Son of *John* the 12th. Item, *John* the 16th. Son of *Leo* a Priest. Item, *Benedict* the 9th. Son of Pope *Gregory*. Item, *Sylvester* the 3d. Son of an arch Knave *Lawrence*. Item, *Adrian* the 4th. Son of *Robert* a Monk. Item, *Voentius* the 4th. Son of *Gregory* the 12th. Item, *Clement* the 7th. Son of *Leo* the tenth.

18. *Drunkards.*

Leo the tenth, and *Nicholas* the fifth, were famous for the love of their Liquor.

19. *Covetous Persons.*

The Popes Exchequer is like the great Ocean, into which all Rivers pay Tribute, and yet never satisfied; the Popes have had out of *France* ninety hundred thousand Crowns; which *Lewis* the ninth of *France* complains, that his Kingdom was miserably exhausted by the Knaves. And *Matthew Paris* in his time did much
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complain, that the wealthy Kingdom of *England* was miserably impoverisht by these Popish Knaves, and *Germany* pillaged after the same fashion.

20. *Church-Robbers.*

Boniface the 7th. being not safe at *Rome*, privily purloyned the rich Treasurers out of *St. Peter's Church*, and fled to *Constantinople*. *Clement* the 7th. was accused for perjury, sacriledge, and impositions.

12. *Simonianists.*

From *Gregory* the 9th. *Cesar* obtained absolution for an hundred thousand ounces of gold. *Benedict* the 9th. sold the Papacy to *Gregory* the 6th. for one thousand five hundred pounds, which made honest *John* the Monk complain. *Rome* was founded by thieves, and the Divine Sanctuary made a bank of Exchange; alike in conscience were *Leo* the tenth, *Innocent* the eighth, *Sylvester* the third, *Gregory* the sixth, the twelfth, *John* the eighteenth. *St. Bernhard* complained the holy Offices of the Church were become questuary.

22. *Ambitious Persons.*

John the 24th. by ambition obtained the Papacy; he was governour of a great Army, unto whom the Fathers were fain to resort, to chuse a new Pope. *John* the 3d. wrote unto the *Greeks*, that he only was Head of the Church, and *Christ's Vicar*; *Gracians* replied, we know thy great Authority over thy Subjects;

Subjects; thy high pride we cannot endure; thy avarice we are not able to satisfy; the Devil is with thee; the Lord is with us. *Boniface* the third by that wicked Emperour *Phocas*, was first saluted Lord and Prince of all Bishops. *Boniface* the eighth, such was his ambition, he suborned certain companions to represent Angels, with a soft voice by night to sound in the Chamber of *Celestine*, that he should voluntarily resign the Popedom, if he meant to save his life, which this simple Pope performed. This *Boniface* instituted the *Jubile* in the year of our Lord 1300. promising to all people that would visit *Rome*, remission of all their sins. Upon the first day he bestowed his pardons; on the next day he came forth attired like an Emperour, a naked sword born before him, with this Acclamation, *Behold here two swords; this is the right I have to Kingdoms and Emperours; these are all in my disposition; the Kings of the Earth.* Unless they will receive their Kingdoms from this holy See, are to be accursed and deposed. Finally, he gloried in his pride, that he was the Porter of Heaven, not to be adjudged by man. *Adrian* the 4th. chid *Frederick* the Emperour for holding his left stirrup. *Stephen* the second deposed *Childrick*, and preferred *Pipin*, the Pope, shaved *Childricks* Crown, and thrust him into a Monastery, commanded *Pipin*

to lye upon the earth to kiss his Toe, to hold his Horse by the Bridle. *Damasus* the second poisoned his Master to obtain the Papacy. *Constantine* the first, the first that gave his foot to be kissed by an Emperour. *Leo* the 4th. the first that advanced the Papal Cross, and adorned it with precious Stones, commanding it to be carried before him.

23. Monsters.

Benedict the ninth, Historiographers do write that he was seen near a certain Mill by a Hermite in this shape, his body like a Bear, the head and tail of an Ass, and being asked how he came thus, he answered, in this shape, do I wonder? for that in my Popedom I lived without reason, without God, without limitation. *Nicholas* the 3d. begot a Son on his Concubine, who had hair and claws like a Bear.

24. Unlearned Persons.

Benedict the eleventh was a meer Laquey, and so were *Benedict* the ninth, and *John* the 21th.

Regulae Juris Romani.

Being the Tenents of the *Romish* Church.

First, They believe the Bishop of *Rome* hath in himself all manner of Power both Spiritual and Temporal; Authority to command, to forbid, to curse, and to

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excommunicate, all Power of punishing; right of election; and conferring the Lieutenancy of the Empire; power to create and depose Magistrates, even Emperours, Kings and Princes, and all other Potentates, and their Subjects: These be the Articles of the *Roman* Faith; he that alloweth or believeth not so much, is accounted an Heretick & damned.

2. They believe all Ecclesiastical persons, Bishops, Prelates, Priests, Jesuits, Monks, Nuns, & all their temporal goods, their priviledges and estates, are exempted and freed from all obedience of Temporal Lords, [commands, contributions, superiorities, and that impersonals and real impleadings in civil and criminal actions; they are not bound to obey Emperours, Kings, or any lay Magistrates. Yea *Cæsar*, Kings and Princes ought to entrust his Fortresses rather to Ecclesiastical persons than to lay Captains.

3. They believe albeit the Pope be a man, yet he is God's Vicar on Earth; wherefore Divine honour is due to him, and he cannot erre in points concerning Christian Doctrine; no, although all other Ecclesiastical Fathers, yea and the Councils themselves, should fall into errour. An Argument that from Councils we must appeal to the Pope, but not from the Pope to the Council.

4. They believe the validity, interpretations and power of innovating the Sacred Scriptures, resteth in the bosom of the Pope: But His Holiness decrees as simply necessary to Faith and Salvation, are immutable, forcible and obligatory.

5. They believe the Constitutions, Statutes, Ordinances, Parliament Edicts, Confederacies, all Letters Patents of Emperours, Kings, Princes, and other Estates, which favour any other Religion than the moderate *Roman*, ought to be reputed void and of no force, although an oath be interposed.

6. They believe that the *Romanists* are to employ their utmost endeavours by fire, sword, poison, powder, plots wars,

war, or any other Engine to suppress Hereticks, but especially the *Lutherans* and *Calvinists*, with their favourers. And the politick Catholicks who had rather maintain Peace, than adjoyn Forces to the Catholick side in extirpation of Heresies.

7. They believe when the *Roman* Catholick Subjects in their Councils have decreed that the Emperour, King or Prince whom they serve, is accounted a Tyrant, then it is lawful to remove him, and to hold themselves from their Oath of Allegiance; but if they be deemed to hold their Assemblies, then it is granted to every private Subject, praise-worthy to murder such a King or Prince; but first he must have the advice and counsel of some Jesuit.

8. They believe if Subjects have a *Lutheran* or *Calvinist* to their King or Prince, who endeavoureth to bring them into Heresie, you must alwaies understand what Heresie they mean, they are those Subjects quitted of homage and fealty towards their Sovereign Masters to whom it is lawful and granted, to remove, murder, imprison such an anointed high Magistrate.

9. They believe that Emperours, Kings, Princes, may be poisoned by their vassals and servants, in case Theologians or Jesuits being learned and grave men, do account them for Tyrants, provided the concluded party to die do not amend his life.

10. They believe the Pope hath the free gift of all the Kingdoms, Principalities and Territories of all Heretical and Infidel Princes: And such Donations shall be firm and available to all constructions.

11. They believe it is lawful for Jesuits and all other Catholick Priests, in case they happen to be examined before Heretick Kings, Princes, or Magistrates, to use equivocation and mental reservations, and false names, and counterfeit apparel, the better to insinuate and carry on their designs.

12. They believe it lawful for Jesuits, and suchlike *Romanists* to equivocate to the demands of Magistrates, as well by Oath, as without.

13. They believe that such Catholicks are not bound to answer private Catholicks from the heart, and with conscience, but to equivocate, and with double meanings, equivocation, being a profitable Art. These be the Principles of the *Roman* Catholicks; from which good Lord deliver us.

The secret and hidden Mysteries which the Jesuits use when they resolve to have a King, Prince, or Chief Magistrate murdered.

First, after such a wicked person is appointed, they enter into their chamber appointed for prayers, and there this infernal off-spring give their attendance, and lay before him a Knife folded up in a scarf, closed in a little Casket of Ivory, covered with an *Agnus Dei*, writ about with many sweet and profound characters; and taking the Knife forth of the said Casket, they bedew it with divers sprinklings of holy-water, and fastning to the hilt thereof sundry little Beads of Coral, to the number of five or six, blessed and hallowed with their holy-water; they give thereby to understand that he giving so many wounds or stabs with that Knife, shall by that act release as many souls out of Purgatory; then delivering it into the hands of the murderer, they utter these words, Go thou forth like *Jeptha*, the sword of *Samson*, the sword whereby *David* cut off the head of *Goliath*, the sword of *Gideon*, the sword wherewith *Judith* did cut off the head of *Oliphernes*, the sword of *Pope Julius* the second, whereby he broke the Power of Emperors, Kings and Princes, and with great effusion of blood got out of their hands the Cities of *Selusa*, *Genola*, *Phayonsa*,
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Furtis, Bologna, and many others, go forth I say, and God will strengthen thine Arm. After this the hellish company fell down upon their knees, and the most renowned amongst them, or he that is the Chief Priest makes the Conjuraton, saying these words, Come Cherubims, come Seraphims, come Dominitions, come most blessed Angels, and carry him forth-with to the Crown of the Virgin Mary, of Patriarks, of Martyrs; for he is no more one of ours, but of yours; and thou O great and powerful God, that hast revealed unto him in his prayers and meditations, that he must of necessity be the murderer of a Tyrant and a Heretiek, to give his Crown to a Catholick King; and he being by us made apt and disposed unto this murder, do thou fortifie his senses, and make bold his courage, to the end that he may accomplish thy Will; arm him with a compleat Armour of thy providence to escape from them that would apprehend him; give him wings, that the foul hands of the barbarous may not touch his sanctified members; spread the beauty of thy joyes upon his soul, to the end that thereby his body may be so encouraged, that chearfully he may dispose himself to this fight without fear. This Conjuraton being ended, they bring him before an Altar, and then they shew him a goodly picture, wherein the Angel bears the body of James Clement, a Jacobian Friar, who murdered Henry the 3d, King of France, and presents it before the Throne of God, saying, Behold thy Souldier, see the defender and accomplisher of thy Justice, and let all the Saints rise out of their Thrones to give him place. When all these things are thus finished, then there is no more but four Jesuits that may be allowed to speak unto him, and when they draw near to him, they tell him that there appears that there is some Deity dwelling in him, and they are afraid of the splendor and shinings dwelling in him; and falling down and kissing his hands and feet, they hold him no more a mortal, but stand by as
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half unworthy of the great glory and happiness whereunto he is already come, and breathing forth many sighs, they say unto him, I would to God he had elected and called us into that blessed condition, for then should we certainly be assured to go really and presently into Paradise, without ever coming into Purgatory.

Now let us take a view of the Romish
Jesuitical Practices.

In Spain upon Suspicion of Heresie, they so over-awed the Conscience of *Philip* the 2d. that they caused the uncompassionate Father in a Bath to open the Veins of *Charles* his eldest Son, a Prince of great Expectation to bleed out his dearest Life. Now the Here lies this Noble young Prince was guilty of, was taking too much notice of the wicked Lives of the Romish Clergy, and having so much of the Grand-Fathers Spirit. Anno. 1568.

Who but the same Brood of Jesuits made away *Joan* of *Albert* Queen Dowager of *Navarre*, the Patroness of the French Protestants by Impoysoned Pills, which an *Italian* the Kings Apothecary at *Paris* prepared for her. Anno. 1572.

Who but the Jesuits were the Instruments of that most Helish Resolution under the Colour of a Marriage, and the Massacre of so many brave Princes and Gentlemen of the Protestant Religion, without any regard to the Oath of safe Conduct Religiously sworn to by the King himself. Anno. 1589.

Who but these wicked men Suborned *Peter Barr*, and by Sacrament obliged him Trayterously to have Murdered *Henry* the 4th of *France*. Anno. 1589.

This *Henry* readmitted the Jesuits into his Kingdom and Bosome, making Father *Cotten* his Confessor, giving them his

his House *Laflesche* for a Colledge, and a 1000 Crowns yearly. Notwithstanding his kindness behold, he was Strabb'd to the Heart by *Ravillac*, through the Instigation of Jesuits, leaving a fearful Example to Kings, Princes and Dukes ——— of revolting from the Truth of Religion, and Building upon Wordly Wildome and Policie.

Whom should we accuse but these furies of Hell for the Murder of the worthy Prince of *Orange* shot to Death by *Balthazur. Gonhard* before prepared for Blood by these Imps of Hell, who Preach up Faith, and Administer Oaths, but if any thing displease them, they send Souls to Desperation, and make sale of Perjury. *Henry* the 4th. Emperor, was twice Anathematized, by Pope *Gregory* the 7th. *Frederick* the 2d. by *Innocent* the 4th. *Henry* the 3th of *England* was cursed by Pope *Paul* the 3d. These Emperors, *Charles* the Great, *Justinian* of *Constantinople*; *Otho* the 1st, *Henry* the 5th, and *Charles* the 5th. When they came into the Popes Prefence, put off their Hats, bowed their Bodies, bended the Knees to the ground, and Devoutly kissed the Popes Foot; O Horrible Pride in this man of Sin, exalts himself above all that is called God. But this is not all, ----- contrary to *Henry* the 4th Queen *Elizabeth* a Princess of Immortal Fame, a helper of the Protestant Princes, the Delight of her People, and Terror of her Enemies, a Maintainer of the true Religion, reposed her only Trust in God, hel'd the Jesuits and all her Popish Enemies at distance, put her Laws in Execution against them Resolutely, was Protected by God from those many Curses, and often Treacheries Plotted by the Popes and Jesuits; also by her own Servants; namely, *Parre, Squire, Lepez, York, Williams*, ----- *Pius* the 5th Pope, in one Breath, Damned and Excommunicated Queen *Elizabeth* a most Innocent Queen, and all her Loyal Subjects, Protestants and Papists, if any Papist be Loyal, as by the
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Law of God and of Nature, they ought to be to their Lawful Prince; they are Cursed at *Rome* for it. O Holy Pope, to Curse whom God Blesseth! Let Princes look to it, for when the Popes had Power they did, and when they have, they will make use of it. This *Pius* Pope declared Queen *Elizabeth* a Heretick, and deposeth her from all her Royal Dignity, in these words, we deprive her of all her pretended Royal Right, we absolve all the Nobility and Subjects of *England* and all others, who have any way sworn to her from such Oath; and we declare them for ever absolved from their Allegiances or Obedience to her; we command and forbid all the Pears and Subjects of *England* to give any Obedience to the Queens Commands or Laws; and if any do otherwise, let them be accursed. This Pope gave away Queen *Elizabeths* Kingdom and Dominions to *Philip* the 2d. King of *Spain*, he with the Popes Imaginary Blessing, sends an Invincible Armado to take Possession, but this Impious Design was utterly defeated by the immediate Hand of God, which made the wicked Admirable Duke of *Mediana* blasphemously swear, Jesus Christ was turned *Lutheran*; admire and wonder, notwithstanding the Plots and Conspiracies and Indeavours of Popes and Jesuits to take away the Life of this good Queen by Poyson, Pistol, and such like impious Actions; God prolong her Raig to 44 Years, and she lived 70 Years, which no King of *England* ever attained before, being a Gracious Queen, and of all Princes the most happiest: But being Dead, Popish Plots did not die with her. The Pope knew King *James* to be a Protestant, and right Heir to the Crown of *England*, yet used all Arts to hinder his Possession, by encouraging persons to write a Book against his just Title to the Crown; having neither true reason or Religion, to further their Impious Designs. The Holy Pope takes new Measures and Consults the Devil

vil in carrying on a Plot to blow up the whole Parliament; Kings, Lords, and Commons, before they could dream of danger, but God graciously Discovered this Popish Powder Plot, to the saving of his People, and the Destruction of his Enemies. King *James* being asleep with his Fathers, the Pope and Jesuits wicked Designs never sleep, but come to this Issue, that other means failing, King *Charles* the First, and the Arch Bishop of *Canterbury* must be made away, by a *Spanish* Fig, as *Andrewal Habernfield* Agent, for Cardinal *Barbarino*, Protector of the *English* and *Scottish* Jesuits Discovered to Sr. *William Bozwell* the Kings Agent then at the *Hague*, and by him to the King; but this failing, they will be before hand with Rebels. On the 23 of *October* 1641. Being *Ignatius* his day, by the Popes Assistance, they began the Rebellion in *Ireland*, murdering above 100 Thousand Protestants, Innocents in cold blood without any provocation given, but to kill Heriticks. This is known to both Kingdoms, *England* and *Ireland*. The *Romish* Jesuits were very active in fomenting our late Civil Wars, Souldier like, receiving the *Olivarian* Pay, crying up Reformation in Church and State, but in Truth intending Destruction to Church and State; as appear'd when King *Charles* the 1st. was taken imprisoned. The Popish Priests and Jesuits held Council in *London*, and signifi'd the condition of their Affairs here, to their Confederates at *Paris*; and they to *Rome*, from whence commands return to *London*, being determined it was for the Interest of the Catholick cause, the King should die; the Counsel of Priests and Jesuits in *London*, voted his Death. Hence who ever were the Instruments that murdered King *Charles* the 1st. on the 30 of *Jan.* 1648. we have cause to believe the Jesuits to be principal Agents; above 600 Protestant Ministers declared against it, and many Thousands more, had they not been overpowr'd by an Army: its absurd

furd to impute this Hellish action to Protestants, which was Plotted, Contrived by *Roman* Catholicks. Dr. *Du moulin* hath vindicated the Sinceritie of the Protestant Religion, upon this account, against the Fictions of his Holiness. The *Roman* Priest and Confessor is known, who upon cutting off the Kings Head Flourished his Sword, saying, our greatest Enemy we had in the World is gone. From what hath been said, we may conclude the Pope and his Party have been in a perpetual Conspiracy against the Lives and Religion of Protestant Princes till the happy return of our Gracious King. No sooner returned to his just Right, but a Blessed Peace did follow, to the Comfort of all true Christians. An Act of Oblivion came forth which extended to Papists as well as others. So that an Obligation lies upon all *Roman* Catholicks to be grateful for those manifold Favours received from so good a Prince. But notwithstanding all Obligations to Obedience, the Popish Party have carried on their Plots and Conspiracies against our most Gracious King, the Church and State, with as much Impiety as formerly, as hath evidently appeared in their Burning down the City of *London*, and by the late murdering of Sr. *Edmund Barry* Godfrey Knight; and in him the Effigies of our King, the Right Reverend Bishops, and all other Magistrates. But by the Blessing of God in part discovered by Mr. *Outs*, and Dr. *Tongue*. Our Gracious King calls it a Bloody Traiterous Design of Popish Recusants against his Majesties Sacred Person, the Government, and the Protestant Religion. And now let all good Christians pray for the long Life of our most Gracious King, and that the Enemies of our Lord the King, who have digged a Pit, may fall into it themselves.

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